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New UP charter boosts research, salaries, status

By Marian Z. Cadiña
Cebu Daily News

CEBU CITY—FINALLY, AFTER A CENTURY of existence, the University of the Philippines (UP) has a new charter that will help put it on equal footing with its international counterparts by, among other things, allowing it to significantly raise the salaries of its faculty, improve its facilities and enhance its research capabilities.

The new charter will exempt the UP, the country's premier university, from

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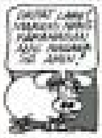
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High court told Tañon case a whale of a tale

By Leila B. Salaverria

SAYING THAT whales, dolphins and porpoises cannot go to court, the government has sought the dismissal of a civil

HIGH COURT A8



GMA confirms major Cabinet revamp



ROLL ON-ROLL OFF President Arroyo waves goodbye to well-wishers at Jagna Port, Bohol, from the Ro-Ro vessel sailing to Mambajao in Camiguin where she was to stay the night. This was the middle leg of a 3-day Ro-Ro caravan.

By Michael Lim Ubac

CEBU CITY—YES, THERE WILL BE changes in the Cabinet, according to President Macapagal-Arroyo herself.

But while she broke into giggles as she responded in the affirmative upon being asked the question Monday night, she did not name names.

Still, the rumor mill has been working overtime with the scheduled retirement on May 8 of Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr., the Armed Forces chief of staff.

GMA CONFIRMS A22



ALL ABOARD While waiting for the boat in Jagna, Cabinet members Ermita, Teves, Bunye and Presidential Adviser Edgardo Pamintuan while away the time by speculating among themselves. Who's in, who's out?

'No direct link to GMA'

But NBN-ZTE probe found evidence 'leading to Palace'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SEN. ALAN PETER CAYETANO YESTERDAY SAID the Senate investigation into the scrapped $329-million National Broadband Network deal had yielded evidence "leading up to the Office of the President" but no direct testimony linking Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to the scandal-tainted project.

Cayetano said the Senate blue ribbon committee, which he chairs, would come out with its interim report on the results of its probe hopefully within the next 14 days if no new witnesses came forward.

Cayetano said the report would focus on the millions of dollars in supposed kickbacks from the deal and the abduction of star witness Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada.

"There is evidence leading up to the Office of the President but it is always better—may it be in a court of law, in an impeachment proceeding or in the blue ribbon committee—that there is direct testimony. (In this case), there is no direct testimony," Cayetano told reporters.

"If by next week we will have no new witness, we will release this too. We're making the re-

NO DIRECT A22



DISCHARGED During court-martial proceedings at Camp Aguinaldo on Tuesday, three officers accused in the Oakwood mutiny are ordered discharged from the military service: (from left) First Lieutenants Sonny Sarmiento, Lawrence San Juan and Nathaniel Rabonza. The court also ordered Second Lieutenants Jason Panaligan and Christopher Orongan freed.

Perez posts bail, denies he's hiding

By TJ Burgonio and Juliet Labog-Javellana in Manila and Marlon Alexander Luistro in Batangas City

DENYING HE WAS IN HIDING AND claiming innocence, former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez posted bail yesterday following the issuance of an arrest warrant against him in an alleged $2-million extortion case that stemmed from a $470-million power project.

"I am not hiding. Innocent people like us do not hide," Perez said in a text message to the *Inquirer* from Batangas City, where his lawyers put up bail totaling P308,000 for him, his wife Rosario and brother-in-law Ramon Arceo.

Executive Judge Ruben Galvez of

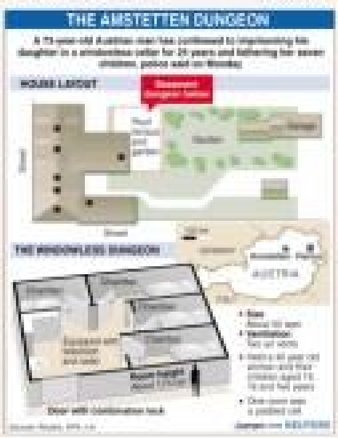
PEREZ A22

Docs keep 'horror house' victims from public

AMSTETTEN, AUSTRIA—Austrian doctors kept a woman and her children—freed from a windowless cellar that had been their prison for years—away from the public eye Tuesday and said it would take weeks of treatment before they could get used to living in a world they have never known.

Elisabeth Fritzl, 42, and her children "are in a treatment container that can be locked from the inside" to shield them from the outside world, child and youth psy-

DOCS KEEP A30



A toast to Filipino women who did it 71 years ago today

By Romulo B. Macalintal
Contributor

COMMENTARY

WOMEN OF THE PHILIPPINES, REJOICE! Today is Woman Suffrage Day in the Philippines.

For 71 years ago, your right to participate in public and political affairs was given full recognition for the first time. It was the day when, through your firmness and determination to

A TOAST A21

RP faces own 'inconvenient truth'

By Tarra Quismundo

HALF OF NAGA CITY SUBMERGED ALONG with five eastern towns in the Bicol region, and between 20 million to 30 million turned into environment refugees across the Philippines.

Speaking of the country's own "inconvenient truth," environmentalists yesterday painted this grim forecast at a conference on climate change and conflict at the Asian Institute of Management's Policy Center in Makati.

The scenario may well happen within the century if people continue to disregard the consequences of a warmer planet, they said.

Nereus Acosta, convenor of the Philippine

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Natural food of Dagupan's tastiest 'bangus' a mystery

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Inquirer Northern Luzon

DAGUPAN CITY—THERE'S NO question about this city's reputation as the producer of the tastiest "bangus" (milkfish) in the Philippines, but the composition of lablab, which supposedly ensures the superior quality of the product, remains shrouded in mystery.

Before commercial feeds were introduced to the local aquaculture industry, cultured bangus in Dagupan fed solely on lablab, a mat of organic material found at the bottom of fishponds, said Dr. Westly Rosario, chief of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Research Center.

Aquaculture experts and scientists have no accurate definition of lablab, but according to Rosario, it is believed to be a combination of plankton (microscopic organisms) and decomposing algae.

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HEAVYWEIGHT Dagupan City Mayor Alipio Fernandez Jr. (left) and Dr. Westly Rosario, chief of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Research Center, inspect the winning 4.8-kg bangus (milkfish) in the heaviest category during the "rodeo" to celebrate bangus fest in the Pangasinan city.

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Moody's still bullish on RP

Reuters

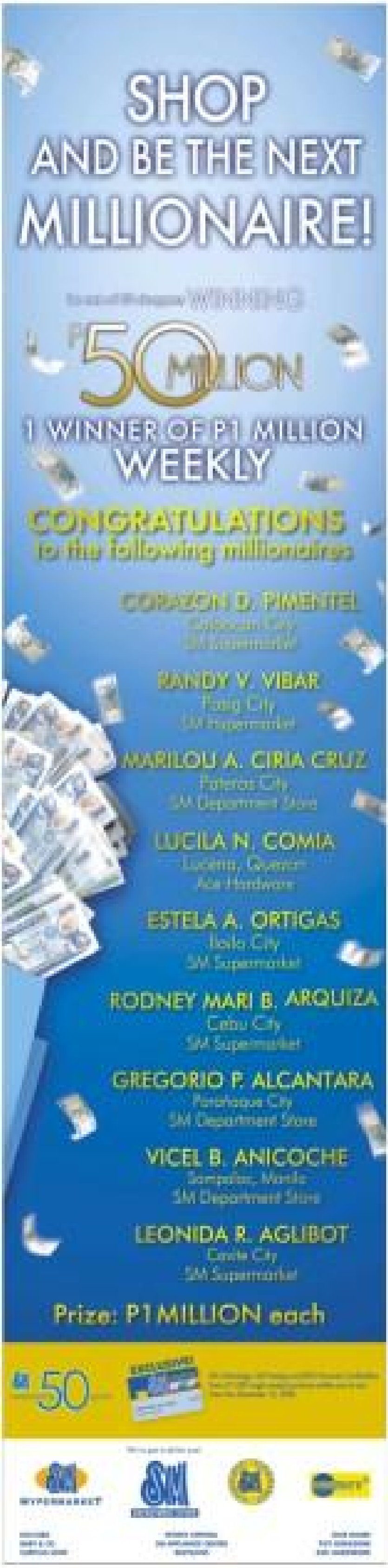
No balanced budget this year, GMA says

By Dona C. Bundoc and Michael Lim Ubac

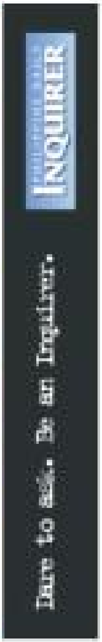
CEBU CITY—THE US ECONOMIC slowdown and soaring food and energy prices are likely to hit the Philippines' bid for a balanced budget in 2008, President Macapagal-Arroyo conceded for the first time yesterday.

No new target

Manageable deficit


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DAR spent almost P1B on consultants

By Norman Bordadora

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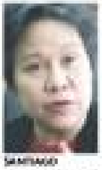


RELIEF GOODS STORAGE





Who will profit from Petron sale? Miriam asks



SANTIAGO

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.



New UP charter boosts research, salaries, status

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GMA: Rice self-sufficiency 5 years away

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Other countries tapping RP coco technology

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Abandon obsolete, unfair 'lone witness' doctrine

Just one 'al-tang-hap' every day?

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Are Hanjin condos sitting on toxic site?

FOR NEARLY A week, the ruckus over two high-rise condominiums of Hanjin Heavy Industries & Construction Philippines Inc. has been confined to issues of their location in the middle of a protected forest at the Subic Bay Freeport and the alleged tree-cutting there.



CONSTRUCTION activities continue at the Hanjin condominium site.

Confidential report

Limited scope

Isolated pockets

Imminent danger

Hanjin watch

Across the NATION

Biking priest carried letter castigating GMA

DAVAO CITY—Fr. Amado Picardal was a most unwelcome guest at the seat of power in Manila and for a good reason as far as Palace officials were concerned.



FR. PICARDAL and his bicycle

Martial law experience

Barred entry

'Think of what legacy you are going to leave behind...'

Palace siege

Legacy

Poachers' vessels yield cyanide, formalin bottles



HONDA BAY in Puerto Princesa

Protests growing over Atienza OK of logging

DENR chief fires town exec for illegal logging



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Bus firm keeps getting threats from groups



Docs keep ‘horror house’ victims from public

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Horrific crime

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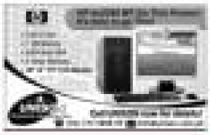
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A toast to Filipino women who did it 71 yrs ago today

Women Suffrage Day

NEWS

A plus METRO
Editor Ester G. Dipasupil





Pasig trikes powered by LPG

By Marcy C. Carvajal

TO ADDRESS SOARING GASOline prices and the worsening pollution problem, the Pasig City government has introduced liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)-powered tricycles.

On Monday, Mayor Vicente Eusebio distributed 10 tricycles running on LPG to leaders of the city's different associations of tricycle drivers.

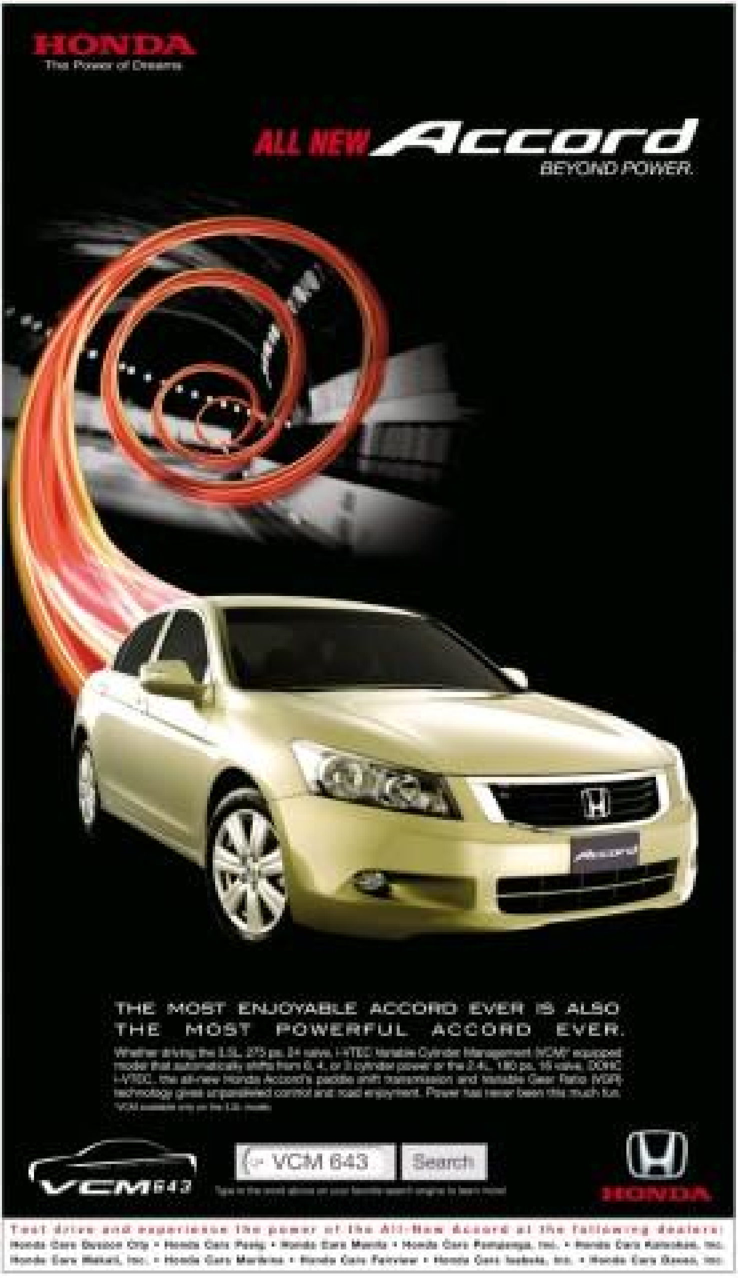
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Green project launched in Las Piñas City

By John M. [illegible]

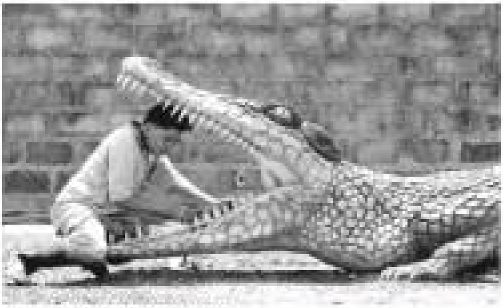
THE GREENING OF LAS PIÑAS CITY HAS begun.

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Mendiola to stay open for May 1 rallies, but ...

Commitment



GETTING READY FOR THE REAL THING

Out with asbestos pipes, homeowners tell water agency

METROBRIEFS

Alleged illegal recruiter nabbed

Parañaque to go dry

Green ...

3 soldiers accused of beating up passerby in QC



LIGHT LUNCH

Pasig ...

DID YOU KNOW

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Guasco

WORLDBRIEFS

Worst train crash

ZIBO—Chinese authorities on Tuesday blamed excessive speed for the nation's worst train crash in more than a decade, amid fears the death toll would climb past 70. The passenger train from Beijing that derailed and slammed into an oncoming train was travelling at 131 kilometers an hour, in excess of that section's 80-km an hour limit, it said, citing the panel heading the central government's work safety administration. AFP

Strip search

PATNA—At least 15 schoolgirls were made to strip naked by their teachers in eastern India after one student complained she had lost her pocket money, police said on Tuesday. Officials said the girls in Jharkhand state were taken to a room and strip-searched one by one at the weekend, while teachers looked for the missing money, which was a little over a dollar. Rakesh Kumar, a senior police officer said from Dhanbad, a mining town in Jharkhand on Tuesday. Reuters

Iraq trial

BAGHDAD—The trial begins in Iraq on Tuesday of Tariq Aziz, former deputy premier and the international face of the Saddam Hussein regime, on charges related to the execution of 42 Baghdad merchants in 1992. Tariq Aziz and seven others, including "Chemical" Ali Hassan al-Majid, are accused of executing the Baghdad businessmen after blaming them for hiking food prices when Iraq was under UN sanctions. Prosecutors say the victims were arrested and executed after a speedy trial in 1992. They also allege that the former regime then seized their money and property. AFP

Tibet unrest

BEIJING—Seventeen people were on Tuesday sentenced to jail terms ranging from three years to life for their role in unrest in Tibet's capital Lhasa last month, Chinese state press reported. A court in Lhasa handed down the verdicts, with the 17 accused of being involved in violence on March 14, the Xinhua news agency said in a brief dispatch. AFP

Virginia tornado

WASHINGTON—A tornado swept through southeastern Virginia on Monday, killing at least one person and injuring at least 200, U.S. media reported. The tornado, part of a series of strong storms that tore through the Hampton Roads area in the southeast of the state, destroyed dozens of homes and extensively damaged others, The Virginian-Pilot newspaper reported. Reuters

UN forms food crisis task force

BERNE—UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL Ban Ki-moon announced he was forming a UN task force on the food crisis Tuesday, bringing together heads of UN agencies to provide a coordinated response on the issue.

Ban announced the move after a meeting in Berne, Switzerland, with 27 key international agencies to hammer out a battle plan of emergency measures, while exploring other longer-term measures to solve the global food crisis.

He said an immediate priority would be to "feed the hungry," urging countries to "urgently and fully" fund the World Food Program.

Ban, who will lead the task force, said he agreed with UN agency chiefs on a series of measures for the medium and long term, with the first priority meeting the $755 million shortfall in funding for the World Food Program.

"We anticipate that additional funding will be required," he told reporters.

Some $755 million more is needed by the program due to the sharp jump in prices.

World Food Program head Josette Sheeran said: "We have pledges of $471 million, but only $18 million in cash in hand. We can't procure food until we have cash in hand. So we're in a really urgent timeframe in getting a commitment as soon as possible."

But Ban said more was needed to provide for future needs. "We must ensure food for tomorrow," he said.

In the long term, he acknowledged that there is an "urgent necessity to address structural and policy issues that have contributed to this crisis as well as the challenge posed by climate change."

"In order to take this forward, we have agreed to establish a UN task force on global food crisis that I will chair and will bring together heads of specialized agencies and ... institutions into effective and coordinated mechanisms," he said.

Ban said there were a number of causes of the food crisis including climate change, long spells of drought, changing consumption patterns in major developing countries and the planting of crops for biofuel.

He said new measures had to go further than just providing emergency food relief when crises hit unlike the previous global response.

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization has developed a $1.7 billion plan to provide seeds for farmers in the world's poorest countries, he said.

"We must make every effort to support these farmers," Ban said.

Ban said he hoped world leaders would come to a June meeting in Rome to find ways to tackle the food crisis. He said the international community had previously not listened to warnings from the FAO and others.

"This time the whole United Nations is now leading this campaign to address this issue," he said.

World Bank president Robert Zoellick, who also attended the meeting, said 100 million people are estimated to have been pushed into poverty over the past two years. AFP, AP

Clinton leads McCain in AP poll

WASHINGTON—HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON NOW leads John McCain by 9 points in a head-to-head presidential matchup, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll that bolsters her argument that she is more electable than Democratic rival Barack Obama.

Obama and Republican McCain are running about even.

The survey released Monday gives the New York senator and former first lady a fresh talking point as she works to raise much-needed campaign cash and persuade pivotal undecided convention superdelegates to side with her in the drawn-out Democratic primary fight.

Helped by independents, young people and seniors, Clinton gained ground this month in a hypothetical match with Senator McCain, the Republican nominee-in-waiting. She now leads McCain, 50 percent to 41 percent, while Obama remains virtually tied with McCain, 46 percent to 44 percent.

Both Democrats were roughly even with McCain in the previous poll about three weeks ago.

Since then, Clinton won the Pennsylvania primary, raising questions anew about whether Obama can attract blood swaths of voters needed to triumph in such big states in November when the Democratic nominee will go up against McCain. At the same time, Obama was thrown on the defensive by his comment that residents of small-town America were bitterly clinging to religion and guns, having been left behind by the political process. The Illinois senator also continued to deal with the controversial remarks of his longtime Chicago pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright. AP





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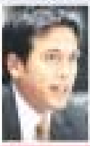
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San Mig halts Toyota run; Harbour up

By Jasmine W. Payo

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BARE EYE



Filipino-American takes Riley's place as Miami coach

MIAMI—REMEMBER THE GUY Pat Riley was to first for a celebratory hug right after the Miami Heat won the 2006 NBA Finals against the Dallas Mavericks?

His name is Erik Spoelstra, the Heat's Filipino-American assistant coach who officially became the nation's youngest NBA head coach after he was named to replace Pat Riley, who announced both his retirement and replacement on Monday.

Miami finished the season with the NBA's poorest record (15-67) and, by far, the worst of Riley's 25-year career.

"I look forward to the challenge," said the 37-year-old Spoelstra.



SPOELSTRA AP

As president, Riley will continue overseeing the plan to rebuild a franchise that's just two years removed from a championship.

The co-coach duties now belong to Spoelstra, who started in the Heat video room in 1995.

"I believe Erik Spoelstra is one of the most talented young coaches to come around in a long time," said Riley.

Miami star Dwyane Wade has worked extensively with Spoelstra in practices and 1-on-1 sessions.

"I believe in Coach Spo and have complete confidence that our team will succeed with him at the helm," Wade said.

Unless he comes back—he has once before—Riley finishes his career with 1,210 victories, third most in NBA history behind Lenny Wilkens and Don Nelson. He won seven championships in all, five as a head coach, one as an assistant and one as a player, and was voted into the Basketball Hall of Fame earlier this month.

Spoelstra is a son of Jon Spoelstra, a long-time NBA executive who helped run the Portland Trail Blazers, Denver Nuggets and New Jersey Nets and a Filipino, the former Iu Celino.

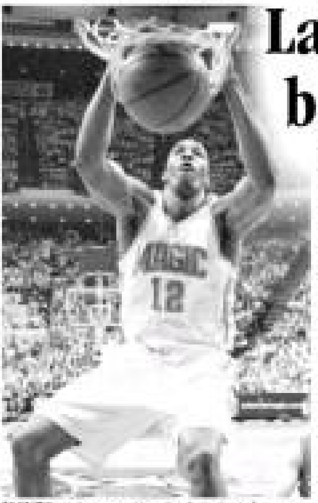
As an assistant to Riley, Spoelstra mainly tutored perimeter players and prepared the Heat for their next game by watching footage of other [illegible].

"Basketball has now become a science—a game of statistical probabilities and of floor strategies," Spoelstra told Filipinas Magazine in an interview after the Heat won the title.

He also told the magazine that he wants to help in improving basketball in the Philippine country.

"There is one thing that I am definitely interested in doing in the future, and that is helping develop basketball in the Philippines," he was quoted as saying. "I have been talking recently with the NBA about our putting together basketball clinics in my mother's home country, hopefully in one of these next couple of off-seasons. It will be a wonderful chance for me to see some of my family over there and get reacquainted with my roots." AP

Lakers, Magic boot out foes



DWIGHT Howard comes up with another dominating performance. AP

NEW YORK—KOBE BRYANT scored 31 points and added seven rebounds and six assists to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 107-101 victory over the Denver Nuggets and into the second round of the NBA playoffs on Monday.

Denver had rallied from a 13-point deficit to close to within two points after three quarters before Bryant took control of the game and scored 14 points in the final five minutes.

The victory ensured a 4-0 sweep for the Lakers.

"They really did a good job in the third quarter just denying me all over the place, but we made our adjustments and we were able to make them pay in the fourth quarter," Bryant said.

Bryant, who suffered several injuries throughout the series said he was glad his team was able to win in four games.

"It's extremely important to get home, get some rest and treatment, and get ready for the next round," said Bryant.

In Atlanta, the Hawks shocked the Boston Celtics for the second straight game with a 97-92 victory.

Joe Johnson scored 35 points and Josh Smith added 28 for the Hawks, who tied the series at 2-2 after being blown out in the first two games in Boston.

"Give the Hawks credit," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "This series hasn't started yet, because no one has won a road game."

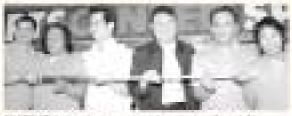
In Orlando, the Magic advanced to the second round of the NBA playoffs for the first time in 12 years with a 102-92 win over the Toronto Raptors.

The victory came on the same day Hedo Turkoglu was named as the league's Most Improved Player.

Dwight Howard had 21 points and 21 rebounds as the Magic won the opening round series 4-1.

"It's just an unbelievable feeling," Howard said. "We did something I feel that hasn't been done here in a while."

Reuters, AFP



PRESENT during the tournament launch were (from left) Ronnie Alcano, player-manager Perry Mariano, billiards godfather Antonio "Putch" Puyat, Sen. Manny Villar, Francisco "Django" Bustamante and Alex Pagulayan. [illegible]

Alcano leads Villar billiards tilt field

RONNIE ALCANO TRIES TO bounce back from his runner-up finish in the recent World 8-Ball Championship when he vies for the P400,000 top prize in the First Senate President Manny Villar Cup Billiards tournament starting May 8.

Efren "Bata" Reyes will compete along with 22 others in the Villar Cup's Top Guns Challenge, the event for the country's top cue artists.

The upstarts are also featured in the Search for the New Billiards Idol Sipag at Tiyaga Edition. Both events will be played at the Sports Center of SM Mall Malolos.

Alcano lost to Germany's Ralf Souquet, 11-9, in the World 8-Ball Finals Saturday night.

Alex Pagulayan and Francisco "Django" Bustamante graced yesterday's media launch at SM Mall but are not participating. The two are leaving for Las Vegas soon to compete in the World Pool Masters on May 9-11.

Entry for the Billiards Idol Sipag at Tiyaga Edition is only P300. Interested parties may contact Gundy Valle at 0918-[illegible], Alberto Reyes at 0926-7240055 or Jojo Rances at 0915-7800800.

RP coach vows equal treatment in tryouts

By Cedelf P. Tupas

NATIONAL FOOTBALL COACH Norman Fegidero yesterday declared that there will be no "special treatment" for players based overseas as he prepares the Philippine Team for the Asian Football Confederation Challenge Cup qualifier in Iloilo City next month.

Fegidero acknowledged the superior technical skills of players plying their trade abroad, but vowed that locals who stand out in the two-month training camp will not be undermined by the influx of the foreign-based Filipinos who flew in to join the team only last week.

"They need to prove themselves to earn their spot in the team," the former national team star said of the Filipino-British crew that includes brothers Phil and James Younghusband and striker Chad Gould.

Also coming to reinforce the team are Chris Greatwich, who captained the RP XI in the Asean Championships last year, Fil-Brit [illegible], a reserve in English Premier League side Everton, and 6-foot-3 goalkeeper Neil Etheridge, who plays for Fulham Reserves.

"I want to assemble the best possible squad for the Challenge Cup," said Fegidero, whose side will go up against defending champion Tajikistan, Macau and Brunei in the [illegible] tournament.

Only the top team in the group will advance to the main tournament in India in July, leaving the nationals with no choice but to win all their three games to assure qualification.

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SPORTS

So paces pack despite draw

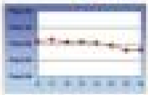
Thais adopt BEST Center training

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Peso seen pulling back to 43 to $1

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PESO-DOLLAR RATE
P41.17 = $1

STOCK MARKET

Shares close 0.5% higher



PSE COMPOSITE INDEX

HSBC economist blames rising inflation

BRITISH BANKING GIANT HSBC SEES THE PEso pulling back to a low of 43 before settling at 42 to a dollar by year's end due to pressure from rising inflation.

NDC raising $1B to buy back MRT 3



Fil-Aussie group to build ₱14-B 'green' expressway

To be done under build-operate-transfer scheme



BASIC FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Asiatrust selling bad assets

Property market activity boosts CBRE unit's revenue

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It was a mistake that the bank is trying to rectify, says exec



What rice crisis? (Part 2)

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES
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Aboitiz Power nets ₱1B as revenues jump 41%

New plants boost output

Aussie firm expands RP mine project

Philex reports 'significant findings' at mine prospect

Livestock soon to power up communities

Projects expected to generate energy from animal wastes



PELRDS DAY

ROUNDUP

Gov't agencies cooperate to conserve energy

Stradcom gets award body's eye





People, Events & Products

Globe holds 'ITxpo' for property developers



Iron Man fever at Jollibee



Bike ride for clean air, fitness and respiratory health



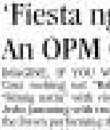
War veterans foundation slates 17th annual meet May 9

Photo tilt for Aliwan Fiesta May 1



WHIRLPOOL INAUGURATES EXATECH TRAINING CENTER

'Fiesta ng Musikang Filipino: An OPM Chronicle'



IFS offers summer programs abroad

Investors brace ahead of Fed meet

Fed ready to cut rates



Millionaires see improvement in US economy

Weak sales force GM to lay off 3,550 workers

High gas prices top list of woes in US

Business

RP may reset rice self-sufficiency target

Cebu delicacies spice up food event

By Romel M. Dosiego

Gov't needs to sink in P50B to attain its goal

By Amy R. Remo



YAP

Petron re-nationalization a bad idea, says Concepcion

By Abigail L. Ho



THE ROAD Trek 4's Sampaguita-type rally pointed out how the drivers' participants appreciated the sights around Laguna as they test-drive Toyota's latest sedan offerings.

Toyota gives media a chance to appreciate nature

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

FOR A LOT OF MOTORING media, Toyota Motor Philippines' annual Road Trek is both highly anticipated and dreaded.

For readers who are not familiar with the Toyota Road Trek, it is an adventure-type journey-cum-competition that TMP has been organizing for the past four years. The Road Trek is aimed at giving not only exposure to TMP's latest and best-selling models but also to motoring media friends a respite from their busy schedule.

The exact activities and the particular places where these will be held have always been a well-kept secret of Road Trek organizers to keep the participants on their toes and at the same time, keep them from getting the upper hand (for example, be able to prepare for a particular activity or do ocular inspection of the place).

True enough, it was only when participants arrived at Toyota Commonwealth in Quezon City that they learned what day one activity will be: a day-long Sampaguita-type rally.

Teamwork

In this competitive type of car rallying, participants give emphasis not so much on break-neck speed but more on timing, precision and teamwork.

"The objective is to be "on time all the time" and using a road book, each team—riding on either the latest Vios or the Altis—must reach a particular destination not a second ahead or behind their allotted schedule.

"At the same time, each car must stop on every secret checkpoint strategically placed along the way to register its time. This means the team's designated driver, most navigator, and if there's third member, a time coordinator, must pull together as a team," reminded Rimbelee Motoring Foundation motorsports activities head Jun Bo-pino.

And while doing so, teams must also play a series of puzzles and mind games that they have to solve using clues along the way or during stops.

Just two

Since this writer's original teammates—Inquirer columnist Aida Sevilla Mendoza and Ambo Palma—could not make it, this writer was paired to Eggay Quesada of Stoplight TV (Kiluchaw "DJ Marc Marcaya" Yigues, also of Stoplight TV, joined on the following day to complete our team).

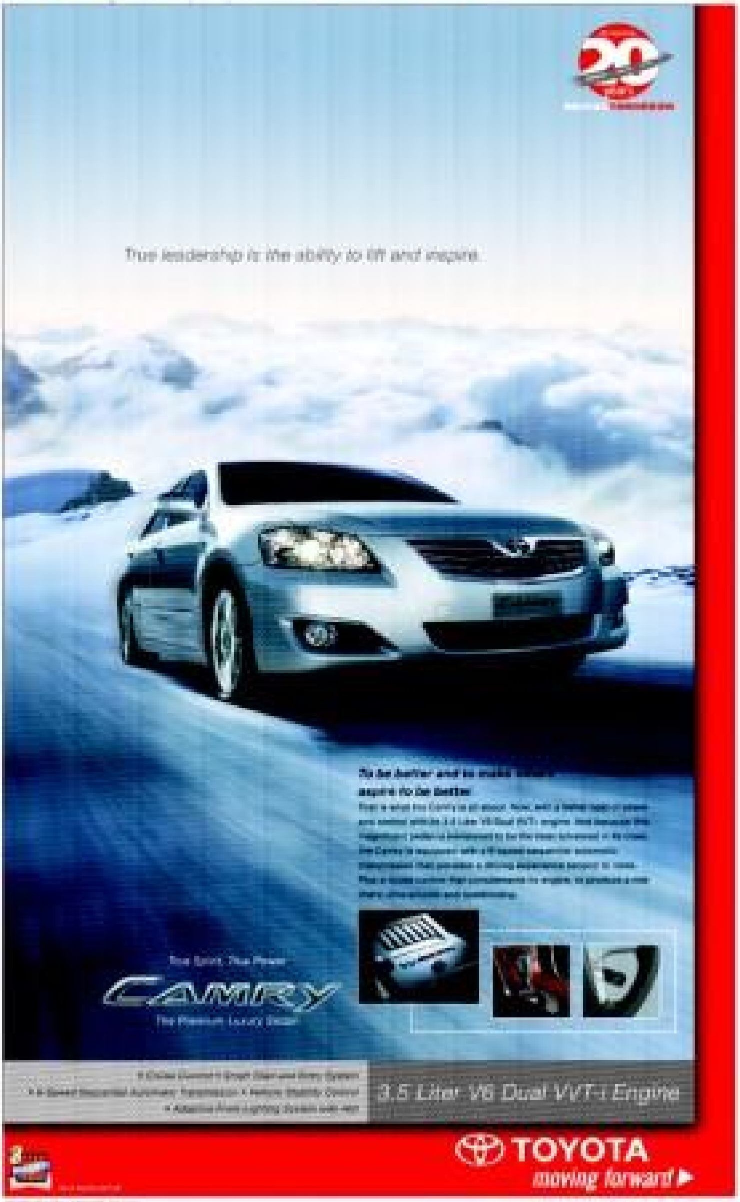
With Quesada behind the wheels, this writer served as navigator. And since we lacked a third member that day, we both served as time coordinator as well as lookout for the clues, puzzles and check points along the way.

From Commonwealth, the participating

TOYOTA B2-3



FOR A CHANGE, Road Trek 4 participants were only made to perform much lighter tasks, like this rock climbing



A homegrown car



MY DRIFT







Days numbered for smuggled motor vehicles

Toyota gives media a chance . . .





At the 2008 Beijing auto show with Chery



TWO of the five Beijing 08 Olympics mascots that welcomed visitors to the auto show.



CHERY'S QQ Sport concept car

On the Road



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



CHERY'S A3 sedan will soon go into commercial production.

Deals



CHERY displayed 26 small and big new cars at the 08 Beijing auto show

Insurers seek ways to better serve motorists

Mandatory insurance

Help educate the public

New Isuzu TV ads tell stories of diesel superiority



AN ISUZU vehicle is highlighted in each of the four commercials.

Motorshow Int'l readies 16th edition in Manila, Cebu

Trendsetter

Oldest motorshow in RP

30 motorcycles up for grabs in Seaoil's raffle promo

The pros and cons of fuel economy runs

BRING IT ON!

Bold move

Speed guidelines







Fuel measurements

Interesting sidelight

LIFESTYLE 2bU





Angeli Sobrepena creates accessories you'd want to sink your teeth into

She makes clay cool and chic



How to make a lollipop necklace

23-year-old accessories designer Angeli Sobrepena shows how to use clay to make a yummy-looking necklace















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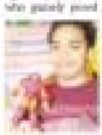
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Inspiring stories



Iron Man visits toy store













ANGELI'S ART

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KIMONO necklace



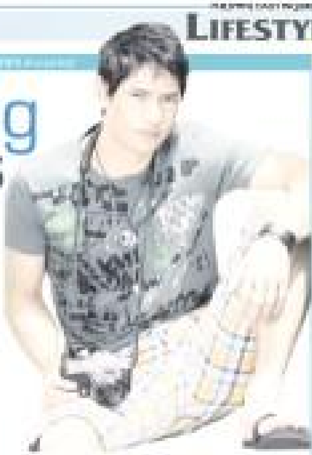


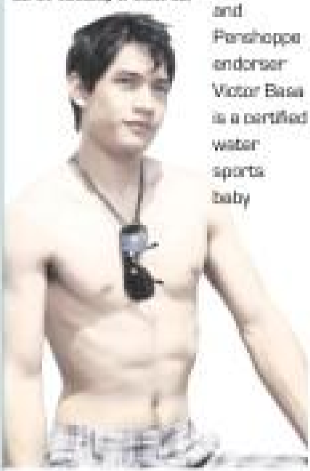
CREATIVE coasters and, above, a piece from the Peony Collection

If you have your own "life can't wait" moments and wish to inspire other young women to act on their dreams now, share with us your story and email to lifecantwait.2bu@gmail.com, along with your name, age, address and contact number. Sunsilk and 2bu will choose the best stories every week for one month. Winning stories will be published in 2bu and will receive a Swatch Geometric Elegance Collection Watch.

Boys of Summer

Making waves





MTV VJ and Penshoppe endorser Victor Basa is a certified water sports baby

Girls of Summer

Summer siren



For 24-year-old accessories designer Cielo Frontera, summer fun is two weeks in Ilocos with her family





Design your own flip-flops

Shopping for adrenaline

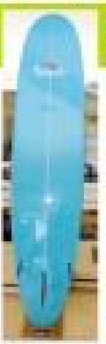




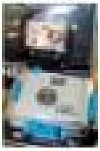


WHETHER YOU'RE INTO riding bikes, getting wet, skateboarding, mountain climbing or camping in the wild, we've found adrenaline aids that will give your summer a much-needed dose of excitement



















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■ More world-class Pinoy entertainers /D2



■ Good summer reads /D4



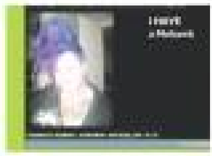
Gayness should be a non-issue

People should not be judged based on their color, race or gender preference



Shrines to colored hair





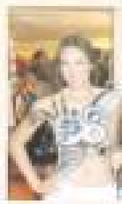
Pretty in Pink's Journal

I Have a Mohawk

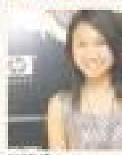
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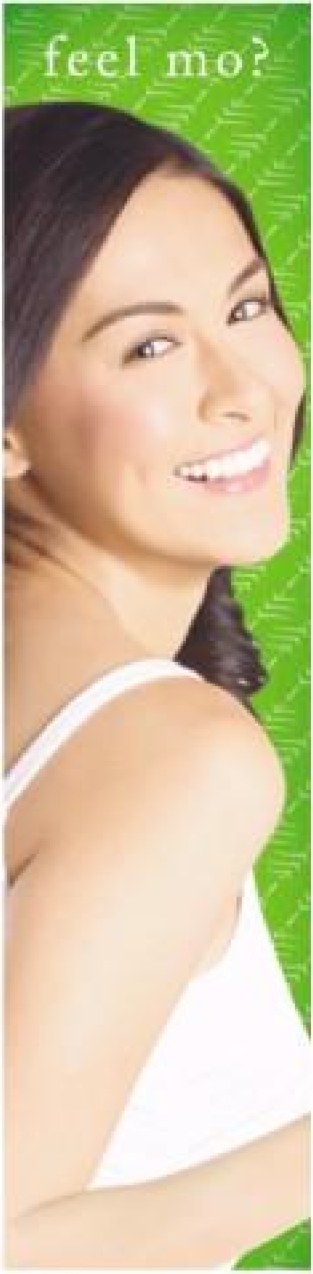


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Proud to be Pinoy—in YouTube





Madonna Decena

Charlie Green

Jessica Sanchez





art and action




BIANCA Valerio and Isabel Roxas




VICTOR Basa and Valeen Montenegro



Coping with a breakup

By Vanessa Avellano Doctor
INQ Correspondent

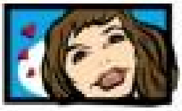
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Should I demand marriage from my long-term partner?

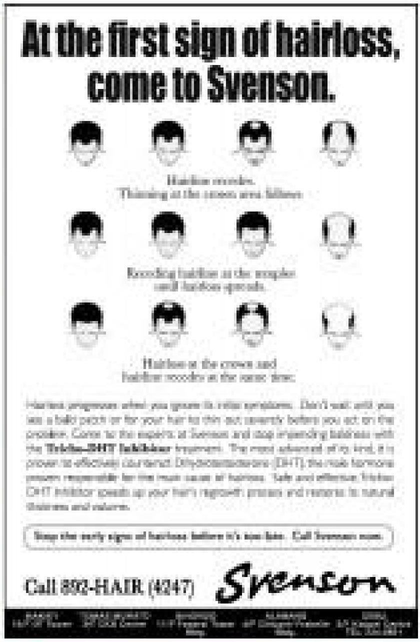


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Bronze beauty

Look like a beach goddess—minus the sunburn

Base

Eyes

Lips

Cheeks

Text by Pam Pastor
Photos by Cyrus Panganiban

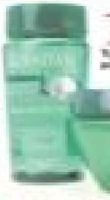
IF YOU'RE DREAMING OF A golden tan this summer but all the talk about sun damage has freaked you out, fret not. There are other ways for you to look like you've been hitting the beach without actually logging in time under the sun's harsh rays.

Five steps to sexy beach hair

You can recreate the 'wavy look' with hair products and heat styling









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Bronze beauty







Base

Eyes

Brows

Cheeks

Lips



8 ways to protect yourself from the sun

Wear sunblock all the time, not just on the beach

Sunblock shopping



SHIRLEY'S PETS — BY ROBERT PAGDILAO

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LOVERKNOTS — BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO

EGO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA

BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON

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BY FRANCIS DAKAL

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Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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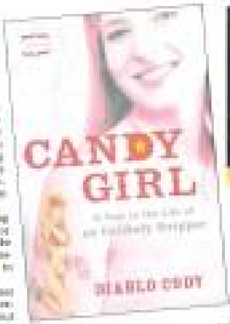
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Good summer reads

A junkie, a stripper, a Bible fanatic—their memoirs make for gripping reading











The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible

By A.J. Jacobs

The Heroin Diaries: A Year in the Life of a Shattered Rock Star

By Nikki Sixx

Candy Girl: A Year in the Life of an Unlikely Stripper

By Diablo Cody

The Break-Up Diet: A Memoir

When You Are Engulfed in Flames

By David Sedaris

New Amy's, and then some

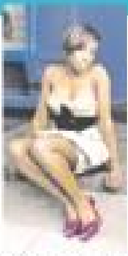


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Adele

Duffy

Kate Nash



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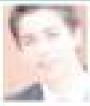


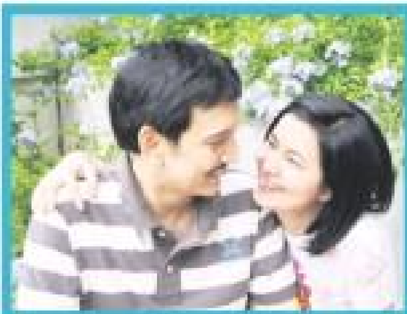
KATE Nash

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ENTERTAINMENT

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COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Dingdong chooses love over money

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

Not even friends

Guess who

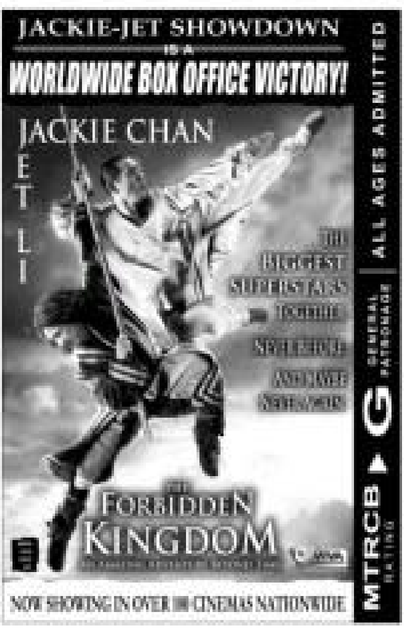
Dingdong chooses love over money



Regine's concert title turned into a misnomer







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2 IRON MAN	7 NEVER BACK DOWN
3 IRON MAN	8 IndieSine: TELEBISYON
4 IRON MAN	9 NEVER BACK DOWN
5 WHEN LOVE BEGINS	10 SUPERHERO MOVIE



ERMITA

1 WHEN LOVE BEGINS	
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2 IRON MAN	4 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM

PIONEER

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2 IRON MAN	4 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM



STA. ROSA

1 IRON MAN
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3 IRON MAN
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3 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM	6 IRON MAN

BACOLOD

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5 STEP UP 2
6 SHUTTER

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'Concert at Comedy' tonight

DID YOU KNOW...

Ogie enlivens new game show

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre



Leona Lewis

'The Happening'

'Mirrors'

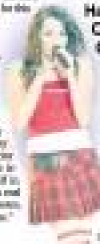
OPENING TODAY



Ploning

When Love Begins

Iron Man



Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour

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ENTERTAINMENT

Geneva finds her roots


THE 4th generation singer of the Cruz clan is recording an album inspired by her great-grandpa, Tirso Cruz Sr.

By Pocholo Concepcion

GENEVA CRUZ-MILLER FEELS she's pursuing the greatest mission of her life. It's something she never thought she'd ever undertake. For the past several months, the 32-year-old singer has been in the thick of preparations for an album that pays tribute to her great-grandfather, Tirso Cruz Sr.

The patriarch of what is probably the country's biggest and most illustrious musical clan, Cruz Sr. was the bandleader of a jazz orchestra that was considered one of the best from the pre-war era until the 1950s.

As the house band of the Manila Hotel, the Tirso Cruz Sr. Orchestra also served as training ground for the patriarch's sons who, in turn, influenced their own children to get into music.

Perhaps Geneva—whose father, Bayani, is among the third generation of Cruz musicians, and who was once a member of the 747 Band as well as Joe Cruz and the Counters—just never bothered to understand what it all meant. Until recently.

She says it started with a conversation with her husband, former MTV VJ KC (Montero) Miller. (They wed in 2004, after Geneva's first marriage with drummer Paco Arespacochaga was annulled.)

"KC's grandfather was a World War II vet-

GENEVA/A4



WHAT A DIFFERENCE...

Isabella Rossellini makes 'green porn'

Did You Know...

Not cheap

Geneva finds her

Last momentum



Personal

...r roots



TRAINING GROUND

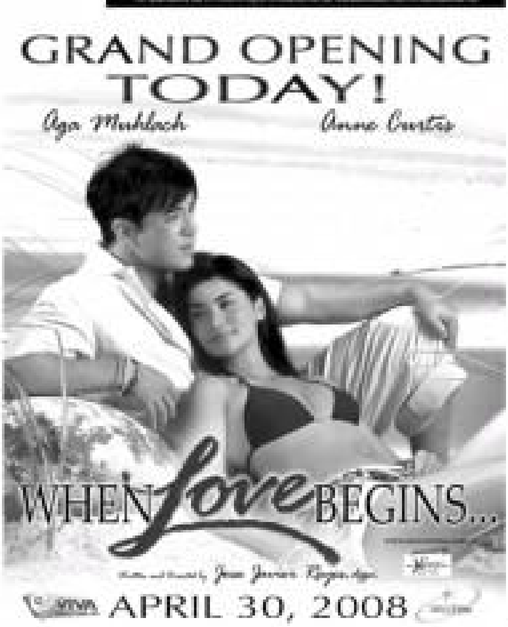
The Cruz clan's patriarch (left), pianist Tony Cueling (...), ... in the Tirso Cruz Jr. Orchestra, which ... at the Manila Hotel ... big band era of the '30s, '40s and '50s.













Teen star draws line between artistic and racy



Love team's history

RUSHES

Take two!



After-show bingo

Celebrity 'dangga'

Sean Penn's plea

Top of the Talk Shows